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SUBJECT

There are five cruisers and two or three transports in Dairen harbor all the time. Of the five cruisers stationed in Dairen, the Communo and the Voriag stay in the port while the other three are anchored at the entrance to the barbor.

- 2. Each of the "motor boats" (? landing craft, support type ?) operating in Dairen harbor is from 35 to 40 feet long, has a very low pilot house, looks like an armored boat used in amphibious landing operation, and could hold from 50 to 60 persons and carry a load of 5 to 8 tons. Nost of them are decked over. In May 1947 a considerable number (unstated) of fast "motor boats" came into the port; these were rumored to be operating between Dairen and Shantung Province,
- Of the approximately 12,000 Soviet troops in Dairen 4,000 are Soviet naval and marine forces.
- Each month more than eight ships arrive, bringing equipment and provisions. The unloading of Soviet transports in Dairen is done by Japanese prisoners of war. Japanese POW's are used in an effort to prevent anyone from knowing what materials are being brought into Dairen. Transportation of such materials to the interior (?) is carried out at night after curfew. Curfew is at 9:15 in the evening and not even the clergy are allowed on the streets after this hour.

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